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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
LOS ANGELES DIVISION

11 In re:

12 LAYFIELD & BARRETT, APC,

13 Debtor.

Case No.: 2:17-bk-19548-NB

Chapter 11

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CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE'S TENTH
STATUS REPORT

15 Date: October 12, 2021
16 Time: 11:00 a.m.
17 Place: United States Bankruptcy Court
Edward R. Roybal Federal Building
255 E. Temple Street
Courtroom 1545
18 Judge: Los Angeles, California
Honorable Neil W. Bason

19 Richard M. Pachulski, the duly appointed chapter 11 trustee (the “Trustee”) in the above-
20 captioned bankruptcy case (the “Case”) of Layfield & Barrett, APC (the “Debtor” or “L&B”),
21 hereby files a brief report regarding the status of the Case, as ordered by the Court in its ruling in
22 connection with the prior case status conference on August 3, 2021. The Trustee continues to
23 administer the Case as follows:

24 1. Soon after the Trustee’s appointment in the Case, the Trustee caused Notices of Lien
25 to be filed in numerous proceedings in which L&B attorneys previously were involved in order to
26 assert the bankruptcy estate’s claims for attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of costs. The Trustee
27 and his counsel continue to respond to inquiries from attorneys involved in such litigation at the
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point of anticipated disposition through settlement or judgment in order to resolve the bankruptcy estate's claims for such legal fees and costs.

2. The Trustee is investigating the potential sale of a \$9 million insurance policy owned by the estate.

3. After a 13-day jury trial, on August 26, 2021, the Debtor’s former principal, Philip Layfield, was convicted on all counts asserted against him in the United States District Court for the Central District of California, at which time he was remanded into custody. *See* [2:18-cr-00124-MWF Docket No. 314]. He is scheduled to be sentenced on November 8, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. *Id.* Depending upon the terms of his sentence, the Trustee will evaluate the continued prosecution of a pending nondischargeability action in this Court¹ as well as the disposition of potential avoidance rights that the Trustee has preserved through a series of stipulations with the trustee appointed in Mr. Layfield’s bankruptcy case.²

Based on the foregoing, the Trustee respectfully requests that the Court continue the status conference in the Case for a period of approximately three (3) months.

Dated: September 28, 2021

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¹ See *Richard M. Pachulski v. Philip James Layfield*, Adv. No.: 2:19-ap-01071-NB.

² See Fifth Stipulation and Tolling Agreement Extending Statutes of Limitation Re: Philip Layfield [Docket No. 579] and order thereon [Docket No. 580].

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I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is:
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A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (*specify*): **CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE'S TENTH STATUS REPORT** will be served or was served **(a)** on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and **(b)** in the manner stated below:

1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF): Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On (*date*) **September 28, 2021**, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:

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On (*date*) **September 28, 2021**, I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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By Email:

Philip James Layfield
Email: phil@maximum.global

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

September 28, 2021
Date

Sophia L. Lee
Printed Name

/s/ Sophia L. Lee
Signature

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